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1. The Seehydrographischer Dienst (Maritime Hydrographic Office) (SHD) in Stralsund conducted a maneuver during the period from 12 to 21 October 1952. The office was placed on a twenty-four hour schedule, all telephones were continuously manned and there was intense activity by sea police couriers who came by truck bringing orders:

2. [] on 19 October, when the wind blew with a force 7 to 8 and the weather was rainy, the surveying vessel Alfred Lerz put to sea from Stralsund, carrying a group of SHD personnel headed by Minz (fnu). This group had a sealed envelope which was to be opened only at sea and contained the maneuver/^{operation} that a convoy of friendly forces proceeded on the Baltic on a east to west course; one vessel of this convoy ran into an enemy minefield west of Hiddensee; and the group commanded by Minz was to determine the location and size of the minefield to provide "hydrographical security". (sic) The SHD hydrographical section received order to examine lights and buoys insuring against possible sabotage.

3. From 19 to 22 October 1952, while lying at anchor in the Barhoeft roads and waiting for further instructions by light signals which were given by the Parhoeft signal station of the seapolice and had to be picked up at that location, the Alfred Herz unsuccessfully attempted to get the Soviet K-boat [] afloat. This vessel had run aground near Parhoeft on 19 October, and was later refloated by a salvage vessel from Stralsund.

4. On 12 October 1952, the SHD and surveying group received an order to take a transit bearing 5 km east of Warnemuende and radio the progress of its work to a radio station which a sea police radio section had to establish under realistic conditions at the same point. [] on 19 October, the land surveying group went to Warnemuende by sedan and took the transit bearing, but the sea police radio section was unable to operate as it had German instructions for a Soviet radio set with Russian inscriptions and at first had no storage batteries. The section finally managed to receive, but was unable to transmit.

5. The maneuver exercises of the SHD in Stralsund followed map exercises

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which, under the command of Heinz Neukirchen, sea police chief of staff, were held at the Sea Police Main Administration (HVS) in Berlin in early October 1952. Korvettenkapitaen Scheib (fnu) and Korvettenkapitaen Karl-Hainz Salzer of the SED participated in these sea exercises.

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1. Comment. Korvettenkapitaen Scheib (fnu) is deputy chief of the SED in Berlin and Korvettenkapitaen Karl-Hainz Salzer is chief of the Nautical Section of the SED in Berlin. The two had been petty officers in the German Navy.

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